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- Private doctors in Rumania have their offices at home. Consultation fees of general practitioners average from 25 to 30 lei, while the fees of specialists average between 50 to 60 lei. Income tax for doctors is very high, ranging between 500 and 800 lei per month. Many doctors have been forced to close their offices or to change from specialized medicine to general practice in order to pay a lower tax.
- 2. Police agents are often sent to doctors! offices as patients in order to determine the amount of income received. Many young doctors do not dare to open private offices since they are afraid they will not have enough money to pay the taxes, rent, etc. There are no restrictions against opening private offices.
- 3. Some of the private doctors use foreign medicaments, which apparently get into the country through the port of Constanta. However, this practice is strictly forbidden and the few doctors who use the foreign drugs are very expensive to consult.
- 4. Retired people generally receive the same medical treatment as the employees of an enterprise. Hospitals offer free treatment to those suffering from tuberculosis or venereal diseases. There is a scarcity of drugs for the treatment of tuberculosis. The disease is so wide-spread in Rumania that few of the younger doctors are interested in entering this field of medicine and the government now offers a 40% increase in salary to those who do.
- 5. The members of an employee's immediate family receive medical assistance free of charge only when the father is over 60 and the mother is over 55 years of age. There is no charge for the service although the cost of the medicine must be paid.
- 6. Hospitals accept, free of charge, employees and their immediate families who are ill with contagious diseases or those members awaiting child-birth.

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